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Classified By: Political Counselor Andrew J. Schofer; reasons 1.4 (b) a nd (d).

- 11. (C) Poloff delivered reftel demarche Aug 22 to Sebastiaan Messerschmidt, Senior Policy Advisor, MFA Western Balkans Division. The Dutch support our policy but continue to stress that a timeline should not be imposed at the expense of a comprehensive solution. Secondly, they continue to urge that contact group members consult regularly with key EU donor countries (or likely donor countries) and with the EU Presidency.
- 12. (C) Messerschmidt expressed Dutch interest in assistng international efforts. He mentioned as possibilities modest funding of UNMIK, establishment of a small college in Mitrovica, and facilitation of back channel communications, as needed. He asked for our reactions.

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